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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Luke V. Schneider

Application No.: 10/696,549

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For: METHOD FOR INCREASING  
IONIZATION EFFICIENCY IN MASS  
SPECTROSCOPY

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7837

Examiner: Nguyen, K.

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2881

AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE PRACTICE UNDER EX PARTE  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are described at page 2 of this paper

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected beginning at page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.